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## **CARDWELL AND KURIYAMA APPOINTED JUDGES**

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon today appointed William A. Cardwell and Christine E. Kuriyama as judges of the District and District Family Courts, respectively, of the First Judicial Circuit (O`ahu). Cardwell fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Rhonda Nishimura to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit. Kuriyama fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Darryl Choy.

Cardwell is currently a per diem District Court judge on O`ahu. He was previously a partner for Cades, Schutte Fleming & Wright from 1982-2001 and formerly of counsel to the firm. Cardwell received his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1974.

Kuriyama is currently a per diem District Family Court judge on O`ahu. Previously, she worked as a sole practitioner specializing in civil litigation. She was also a partner for Fukunaga, Matayoshi, Hershey, Kuriyama & Ching from 1992-1994. Kuriyama graduated from Hastings College of Law in 1978.

District Court and District Family Court judges are appointed by the chief justice from a list of not less than six nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission.

Cardwell's and Kuriyama's appointments are subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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